

SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 – BUDGET HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a final Budget Hearing on September 23, 2013 at 5:01 p.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman; Commissioner Sara Comander, Vice Chairman; Commissioner Bill Chapman; Commissioner Bill Imfeld; and Commissioner Cindy Meadows. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; Attorney Mark Davis, County Attorney; and Mr. Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller; were also present.

Mr. Jones stated that the 3.5563 mills have been realigned with the General Fund's share at 1.7081, Public Works at 0.2869 and the Sheriff at 1.5613. With the cooperation of county staff as well as the Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections and the Clerk of Courts, we have been able to cut the budget by \$1,886,122 to \$109,650,399. We also will have between \$9 million and \$10 million left in the General Fund reserves. The budget includes the extra funding for the Health Department and funding to open libraries on Saturday as requested.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to open the Public Hearing to consider a resolution adopting the mileage rate and a resolution adopting the budget. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones presented the resolution (2013-69) to adopt the millage rate based upon the total assessment of \$11,454,194,886 a millage rate of 3.5563 will be required in order to meet the minimum requirements of the various budgets submitted by county officials and based upon the total assessment of \$1,013,903,168 a millage rate of 0.4912 will be required in order to meet the

minimum requirements of the North Walton Mosquito Control District. The millage rate will be 3.5997 as the aggregate millage rate for county wide which is more than the rolled back rate of 3.5046 mills by 2.71%. He requested adoption of the final millage rate of 3.5563 for operations of the county government, and a millage rate of 0.4912 for operations of the North Walton Mosquito Control District for the tax year 2013-2104.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Imfeld, to adopt **Resolution 2013-69** adopting the final millage rate of 3.5563 for operations of the county government, and a millage rate of 0.4912 for operations of the North Walton Mosquito Control District for the tax year 2013-2104. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye, Meadows Aye.

Mr. Jones presented the resolution (2013-70) adopting the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$109,650,399 for county government, of which \$560,369 is for the North Walton Mosquito Control District. He requested approval.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Chapman, to adopt **Resolution 2013-70** adopting the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$109,650,399 for county government, of which is \$560,369 is for the North Walton Mosquito Control District. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner Chapman, to close the Public Hearings. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye, Meadows Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Imfeld, second by Commissioner Meadows, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Pridgen Aye, Comander Aye, Chapman Aye, Imfeld Aye, Meadows Aye.

Approved: 
Kenneth Pridgen, Chairman

Attest: 
Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller